

IN THE DRAWINGS:

The attached two Replacement Sheets of drawings replace the original sheets 1 and 5, and include changes to Figs. 1 and 5.

Particularly, Fig. 1 has been amended to change the reference numeral from "101" to 110 for the memory in the Main Control Unit 109; and, Fig. 5 has been corrected to add the memory 510 to the Main Control Unit 508, in response to the objection to that drawing as set forth in the Office Action.

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action the Abstract was objected to on various grounds. Accordingly, the Abstract has been revised as set forth above, and is now believed to be in good form.

In the Office Action, Fig. 5 was objected to as failing to show a memory element identified by reference numeral "510". That deficiency has been overcome by means of a Replacement Sheet of drawings, bearing Fig. 5 wherein the memory is now depicted.

In the Office Action the original claims were rejected as being anticipated by the cited Miyazaki published patent application. In response, Applicant has added additional limitations to the terms of the original set of claims, wherein those original Claims 1-12 have been cancelled and replaced with ten new claims, namely Claims 13-22.

More specifically, new independent Claim 13 requires an image processing apparatus including a reproducing unit which reproduces a part of a moving image from a storage medium during a predetermined reproduction time. Also, the apparatus determines whether or not a first button is pressed before the predetermined reproduction time is passed. If the first button has been pressed, the reproducing unit reproduces not only the part of the moving image but also starts reproduction of the remaining part of the moving image. This feature of the present invention is supported by the Specification description of the first embodiment (e.g., Fig.3).

Applicant respectfully submits that these features of the present invention are not disclosed by the cited reference of Miyazaki. Instead, that reference discloses to effect a slideshow reproduction of images with playback of music (BGM) by adjusting reproduction

times of the image and BGM (e.g., 100 in Fig.1, [0110]-[0115]). However, the Miyazaki reference fails to disclose the reproduction of not only a part of the moving image, but also the start of reproduction of the remaining part of moving image if it is determined that a first button is pressed before a predetermined reproduction time is passed, as expressly required by the new independent Claim 13.

New independent Claim 18 is a corresponding method claim of Claim 13, and the above-described patentable limitations of Claim 13 apply also to new independent Claim 18.

For these various reasons Applicant believes that independent Claims 13 and 18 are in condition for allowance, along with all of their dependent claims which add other patentable distinctions over the prior art. Accordingly, Applicant solicits the issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3939.

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